

THE FORESTS OF FLORIDA.

Speculators Buying up Large Tracts of Florida Timber.—Need of Forest-Fire Legislation.

The forests of Florida are one of the state's greatest sources of revenue, a revenue that is being consumed with great rapidity. Speculators from regions farther north have lately been buying and cutting large areas of forests in Florida, and the timber supply is greatly diminished.

In reply to inquiries concerning Florida forests, Mr. George B. Sudworth, of the Bureau of Forestry, has supplied the following information.

The wooded area of the state is estimated at 37,700 square miles, or 70 per cent of the total area, much of which is occupied by merchantable timber. Florida forests have not suffered greatly from fire in the past, chiefly because much of the state was uninhabited and unfit for agriculture or grazing. Moreover, numerous streams and swamps intersecting the pine forests greatly lessened widespread danger from fire.

The greatest increase in the cutting of timber in Florida appeared from 1890 to 1900, when the previous lumber product of the state was doubled.

Great destruction has been done to the pure pine forests by the injurious method of "boxing" trees for turpentine, thus killing the older growth and allowing fire to prevent reproduction.

Because of the increasing demands upon the state's forests and the general attention which the subject of forest protection has received, interest has lately been aroused in Florida for the protection of the forests, and in the need of additional forest legislation and enforcement of existing laws. The most urgent needs are for an adequate fire law.

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Marion County Wants Orange Lake.

There is apparently some dispute as to the title of Orange Lake, situated between the lines of Alachua and Marion counties. For many years no particular attention was paid to this excellent body of water so far as the ownership of title was concerned, but it has recently come into prominence on account of the extensive fishing industry it affords.

For the past twelve months this industry has been conducted on an extensive scale. Several fishermen are engaged on the lake, and it is said that the industry has been a most profitable one. The fishermen have been shipping their catches to various points throughout the country. They catch them by means of baskets, nets and seines, and here is where the trouble began.

It appears that the game warden of Marion county desires to prosecute the fishermen, upon the grounds that they are violating the law. There is a law that no fishing by nets shall be practiced within the state of Florida. The warden has threatened the fishermen with prosecution, but inasmuch as they are following their vocation on what they term Alachua county property, they defy that officer, as he has no jurisdiction, and virtually tell him to "crack his whip."

It is understood that a bill is now at Tallahassee asking that Orange Lake be deeded to Marion county, and if such is the case the decision of the legislature in the matter will be awaited with a great deal of interest.—Gainesville Sun.

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